

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Splendid shopping weather—go ready for Christmas!

Beware of a meek-looking man or mule. It may not last.

Some men smile in the face of adversity, but they don't mean it.

Perhaps a girl's red hair is for the purpose of keeping her temper warm.

Many a married man spends the rest of his days wondering why he did it.

Most people manage to get stuck on themselves without the aid of any adhesive.

Compared with the Balkans affair Mexico's war looks like the comic opera kind.

Sometimes a man tries to please his wife just the opposite way he would any other woman.

The trouble with the man who says a smart thing is that he always books it for a return date.

A southern aviator who jumped from a biplane proved that it cannot be successfully done.

We may be sure that it is a wise hen which eats a cement floor in order to lay hard-shelled eggs.

The discovery that typhoid fever is carried also by bugs and roaches adds a few more things to be awaited.

Eloping in an aeroplane accomplishes the seemingly impossible by increasing the hazard of matrimony.

That the stingless bee is the precursor of the stingless mosquito is the earnest prayer of New Jersey people.

November has no hay fever, no Christmas rush, and no spring freshets. Yet very few poets sing its praise.

New York's barroom for women is variously considered. Some innocent observers are envious and some are not.

About the only thing that can be said for the eclipse of the moon is that one may watch it and smoke at the same time.

A Texas woman left \$100,000 for the support of old maids. But how are they going to be convicted of being old maids?

Nobody denies that automobiles are becoming cheaper, but then one can't eat even the costliest cuts of an automobile.

That man who pleads for anesthetics for rats would probably want chloroform administered to the fly before swatting him.

A story from Chicago says there are calves there worth \$5,000. That's nothing; there are calves on Fifth avenue, New York, worth \$5,000,000.

The dictates of fashion has put the ban upon switches and puffs. We will soon know what our best girl really looks like without her disguise.

There are some things we do not understand. One of them is the mad and almost universal desire to change the color of a meerschaum pipe.

A Los Angeles youngster stood on his head on the top of skyscraper to "test his nerve." He was arrested for shattering the nerves of passers-by.

A taxicab in Athens, according to an exchange, is called a polypolytan; to the contrary. That's what a taxi chauffeur is called in this country when he presents his bill.

Milk makes an excellent tonic for the hair, according to the prima donna who discovered the \$15,000 lump of ambergris. Those press agents do have to work hard for their money.

Beef is probably going higher, but rabbits will soon be on the market. At the same time they will not be widely popular until someone invents a device to dig shot out of the teeth.

A playful person threw a melon into a passing taxicab in Brooklyn the other night. Many a car along the great white way is praying that melons do not become popular substitutes for hen fruit.

America's oldest doctor says modern physicians are not much better on cures than the healer of a half century ago. But the old fashioned doctor didn't have all the ailments and diseases to treat they have nowadays.

An increase of more than one-third in the number of cigarettes consumed in three months is another proof that advertising pays.

Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston favors a law limiting bathtubs to six inches. The county will await with interest his attempt to enforce it.

"Woman makes the most of herself," says an "ad" writer for a department store. But that doesn't prevent the department store from offering her all the aid she will accept.

Again the playful gun is in evidence in different sections of the country. Until the joke of taking chances in pulling triggers of supposedly unloaded weapons is foregone by trusting jokers, funerals will continue to follow the joke.

When a submarine is cut in two by an ocean liner, and a torpedo boat destroyer is put on the damaged list by a tramp freighter, the mind goes into curious speculation over the check to sea power that might be administered by a tough little tug.

U. S. SHIPS' VISIT WORRIES MEXICO

EXPLANATION OF SENDING FOUR VESSELS UNSATISFACTORY, STIRS UNEASINESS.

NOTE CAUSES ILL FEELING

Negotiations, Started in September, Are Unsatisfactory to Both Countries—New Minister to Grant Amnesty.

Mexico City.—Mexicans are not wholly reassured by the Washington declaration and are keenly interested in the proposed visit of four American battleships to Vera Cruz and the motive for their coming.

Much interest is displayed in the character of the Mexican note replying to that which the United States sent to Mexico in September.

It is no secret that the American note is not pleasing to the Mexican government, and the failure of the Mexican foreign office to discuss the nature of the reply gives some basis for believing it is not entirely pleasing to Washington.

Convinced numerous bands of rebels in the states of Durango, Coahuila and southern Chihuahua are continuing their operations merely because they believe surrender would mean summary execution under the suspension of guarantees, Rafael Hernandez, the new minister of the interior, announced that he would attempt to gain for them a promise of amnesty.

Gen. Orozco Reappears.

Minister Hernandez has issued a general order to the rurales to commandeer horses when needed, giving receipts to the owners and notifying the government. The rurales have complained that frequently they are unable to follow the insurgents on account of worn-out mounts.

Out of the mass of rumors as to the whereabouts of Gen. Orozco, that most credited is the report that he has reappeared at the head of some hundreds of men east of Ojinaga, in the state of Chihuahua, after recuperating from a serious sickness.

The governor of Vera Cruz reports that with the capture of Garcia Bravo near Tuxpan, "the last band of rebels in the state has been exterminated."

Borrowed Gun Protects Train.

El Paso, Tex.—A machine gun borrowed from a Mexican gunboat is being used to protect a troops train which left Juarez to patrol the railway between the state capital and the border. The gun is mounted on a flat car.

The train, carrying 500 troops, departed over the Mexico Northwestern railway shortly after arriving over the Mexican Central line. It is planned to continue making this loop between Chihuahua city and Juarez.

Movies Made Him a Bandit.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Moving picture shows caused his downfall, according to Cornelius Hadasacker, who pleaded guilty to highway robbery, after which he made a pathetic appeal for probation. The "movies," according to the prisoner, showed him "how easy it was done."

Carnegie Strike to Spread.

Pittsburg.—That a walkout of at least 10,000 steel workers is threatened here if the Carnegie Steel company attempts to resume operations in all departments, using strikebreakers in the places of the striking trainmen, was the persistent report here.

Money for Chinese War Fund.

San Francisco.—The Chinese consulate announced that two subscriptions to the Mongolian war fund of \$20,000 each had been received from New York and Cuba. It is said that every large city in the country will contribute at least \$50,000.

Three Killed, Four Injured.

Olive Hill, Ky.—Robert Hedges, Bob Baker and a young son of Robert Erwin were killed and William Knipp, Willard Erwin, Matthias James and Enley Onway were injured when a grist mill boiler exploded.

To Wed Polish Count.

Baltimore.—Cable messages from Pekin announce the engagement of Miss Louise Warfield, daughter of former Gov. Warfield, to Count C. Ledochowski, a member of the Polish nobility. He owns a large estate in Austria.

\$200,000 Armour Fire.

Chicago.—Fire destroyed the provision house of Armour & Co. at the Union Stock Yards, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. The building was a three-story brick structure.

Prairie Fire on Border.

Swift Current, Sask.—A prairie fire is sweeping south of here over a territory 40 miles wide and extending to the North Dakota boundary line. Farm buildings and everything before it are being swept away.

Historic Texas Town Burns.

Brownham, Tex.—The last of the historic town of Old Washington, on the Brazos river, at one time capital of the state and where the declaration of Texas' independence was promulgated, has been destroyed by fire.

Train Runs Down Autoist.

Springfield, Ill.—Benjamin F. Fletcher of Springfield, a retired farmer, was killed when a Chicago & Alton train struck his automobile near Chatham. Fletcher was more than 70 years old.

Suffragettes Destroy More Mail.

London.—Despite the close watch which had been kept by the police, suffragettes again destroyed the contents of various mail boxes by pouring chemicals into them. They even invaded the general postoffice.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



UNION WINS POST SUIT

DENIAL OF INJUNCTION IS AFFIRMED IN HIGHER COURT.

Buck Stove Manufacturing Plant to Be Conducted on "Closed Shop" Basis Held to Be Legal.

St. Louis.—An opinion handed down by the United States court of appeals, in the suit of C. W. Post, minority stockholder in the Buck Stove and Range company, who sought an injunction restraining the company from entering into an agreement with the labor union whereby the manufacturing plant of the company should be conducted on a "closed shop" basis, was a decided victory for the labor union.

The opinion, which was written by Judge William C. Hook, and concurred in by Judges Walter H. Sanborn and Walter I. Smith, sustains the decision of Judge D. P. Dyer, in the United States district court, who denied Post the injunction he sought.

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ADMITTS KILLING TWO BOYS

CHEMIST CONFESSES MURDERS TO BUFFALO POLICE.

Blames His Downfall to Drink—Confesses Writing Postcards That Led to Finding of Body.

Buffalo, New York.—District Attorney Dudley announced that J. Frank Hickey, the chemist, had confessed to the murder of Joseph Joseph, and also to the killing of Frank Krucka, a New York newsboy, who was found strangled in Central park 10 years ago.

Hickey began his story calmly and deliberately, but when he came to the part of actually committing the murders he broke down and wept.

"Drink, drink, that's what caused my terrible downfall," the man exclaimed as his frame shook with sobs. "I've stood it as long as I could, but I've got to confess. Oh, the hell my life has been since that time, when late in the afternoon of October 12, I lured that little Syrian lad to his awful doom."

"Yes, I wrote the postcards. I wrote them mostly when I was drunk. I drank to try and get away from my remorse, and for a time it seemed that I would forget it, but in these spells I used to become conscience-stricken, though in a different manner, and write the cards telling of my state of mind."

Deer were placed on the farm by Mr. Freeman twelve years ago. They have run wild until this year, none of them ever having been killed. The deer are becoming so wild and dangerous, however, that Mr. Freeman wants to get rid of them.

WINS HUSBAND WITH "AD."

Florida Woman Married to Oklahoma Man She Had Never Seen.

Springfield.—Although neither had ever seen the other, Ernest Mertz, a farmer near Fairview, Okla., and Mrs. Annie Fletcher of Ormond, Fla., met at the Frisco station here and were married shortly afterwards.

An advertisement inserted in a matrimonial paper by Mrs. Fletcher was read by Mertz and a correspondence ensued. They exchanged letters for a year. They agreed to meet here, and if each was satisfied, to be married. Mertz arrived first and kept a constant vigil, meeting every train from the south. Mertz is 59 years old and his bride 53. They left for Oklahoma.

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